

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. WRU-00-15-156 (PGA-00-13)
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ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

(Issued April 3, 2000)

On March 6, 2000, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) its monthly purchased gas adjustment (PGA) calculation, identified as PGA-00-13. MidAmerican also requested a waiver of a portion of 199 IAC 19.10 relating to the calculation of the Rb factor for the months of March through August 2000. No objections to the waiver request were filed.

The Rb factor is defined in rule 19.10 as "the adjusted amount necessary to obtain the anticipated balance for the remaining PGA year calculated by taking the anticipated PGA balance divided by the forecasted volumes for the months of October through August of the PGA year." The Rb factor is intended to flow projected overcollections and undercollections through the PGA during the PGA year rather than at the time of the annual reconciliation.

MidAmerican asks to calculate the Rb factor based on forecasted sales for the months of March through August 2000, rather than for the months of March through October 2000, as provided by the rule. In support of its request, MidAmerican states that abnormally warm weather from November 1999 through February 2000 resulted

in sales below forecasted volumes. Because of this sales decline, MidAmerican is projecting an undercollection of purchased gas costs of \$9.9 million for the period ending August 31, 2000. MidAmerican's calculations show that the proposed change to the Rb calculation should result in a lower undercollection.

The Board will grant the waiver request. The change for the March through August 2000 period should allow MidAmerican to recover more of the undercollection during the current PGA year and reduce the amount that must be carried over to the subsequent year. This is consistent with the purpose of the Rb factor.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for waiver filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on March 6, 2000, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of April, 2000.